

Troopers Attempting to Locate Smyrna Man Wanted for Displaying a Handgun during Road Rage Incident



James L. BOUCHAT

Middletown – The Delaware State Police are attempting to locate James L. Bouchat, 29, of Smyrna, who is wanted in connection with a road rage incident, in which he pointed a handgun at another motorist.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:55 p.m., Thursday, August 30, 2018 on SR 1 southbound, south of the Biddles Toll Plaza, Middletown. A 48 year old Smyrna woman was traveling southbound on SR 1 and as she passed through the toll plaza

she observed a tan pick-up truck directly behind her. After traveling a short distance the female driver changed in to the SR 1 southbound left lane at which time she observed the same pick-up truck driving parallel to her on the left shoulder. The driver and sole occupant of the pick-up, later identified as Bouchat rolled down the passenger side window, began screaming at the female and then pointed a handgun at her. After displaying the firearm the pick-up accelerated at a high rate of speed and was last seen southbound on SR 1. The female driver proceeded to a safe location before pulling over, at which time the police were notified. She was able to obtain the tag number of the pick-up as it sped away.

The Delaware tag number came back to a 2003 tan, Ford F-150 pick-up truck, which was consistent with the vehicle description given by the female driver. Through further investigation Troopers were able to link the vehicle to Bouchat and positively identify him as the driver of the vehicle who displayed the handgun.

An active arrest warrant is on file charging Bouchat with one count of Aggravated Menacing (felony).

Anyone with information regarding Bouchat's whereabouts is asked to contact Delaware State Police Troop 9 at 302-378-5749 or by calling 911.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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